John Overell, R. D. Millar, A. Dale and Alex. Gunn for the position of Auditor.

The Mayor named Mr. Geo. F. Jewell as his Auditor for 1883, prefacing the appointment with the remark that he had great pleasure in offering that gentleman, who had conducted the re-audit so satisfactorily, the responsible position.

Balloting was then commenced for the office of auditor. The first ballot resulted in favor of Mr. Robert D. Millar, who received seven votes to three for Mr. Overell, two for Mr. Dale and one for Mr. Gunn. The latter's name was dropped.

The second ballot resulted in five votes each being cast for Messrs. Overell and Millar, and two for Mr. Dale. Mr. Dale's name was dropped, and

The third ballot taken. It resulted thus:—

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| Millar | 8 |
| Overell | 5 |

The by-law ratifying the appointment was reserved until the evening session.

### THE STRIKING COMMITTEE.

Ald. Hyman moved, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that Messrs. Birrell, Hyman, Skinner and Becher be the committee to strike the Standing Committees. Carried.

Ald. Becher moved, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the Striking Committee name the Court of Revision and Board of Health at the same time as the other committees. Carried.

### NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Ald. Birrell—That a Special Committee be appointed for the purpose of revising the by-law governing the municipal officers and offices: also to report on the advisability of any changes being made in the mode of the collection of taxes or any of the other city officers; and that this committee shall have power to examine any of the employes of this city in regard to any matters relating to their duties.

By Ald. Hyman—That the fees from the City Weigh Scales be sold by tender.

By Ald. Hunt—That the Fish Stalls be advertised for rent by auction on the 27th, the lease to date from Feb. 1st next, for one year; and that the by-law regarding appointment of officers by ballot be repeoled.

By Ald. Becher—The passage of a by-law enacting that lands in the city used as parks, paddocks, lawns and gardens shall be assessed in the same way as other property.

### AUDITORS' SALARIES.

Ald. Cowan moved, seconded by Ald Boyd, that the matter of the Auditors' salaries be referred to No. 1 Committee. Carried.

Council adjourned until 7.30 p. m.

## THE NIGHT SESSION.

At 7:30 the Council resumed, all the members present.

### COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Applications from R. M. McElheran, Joseph M. Wilson, G. E. Evans, J. J. Welstead, W. Horner, Samuel Pocock, W. A. Grosley, John Ferns, Adam Wheaton, Arch. McPhail, R. Seccombe, R. J. Webb, W. Gilmore, John Isaac, John Morgan, W. O'Brien, John Kincade and Henry Mercer, for the position of Weigh Scales Clerk, were read and referred to No. 3 Committee.

Petitions from Mrs. Jennet McInnes, Mrs. Nichol and Robert Coote, for remission of taxes, were referred to No. 1.

From R. McMurchy, for use of City Hall for holding the annual ball of the City Fire Brigade. Granted.

From W. R. Meredith—Bills respecting the London Junction Railway and the City Gas Companies. No. 1 and No. 3.

An account from Donald McPhie & Co., plumbing, $11.45, was referred to No. 2.

The petition of Mr. Essery and others in reference to a free library was referred to No. 1.

### AUDITORS.

A by-law for the appointment of City Auditors was read three times and passed.

### REPORTS.

Ald. Becher reported from the Committee to strike Standing Committees as follows:—

No. 1 Committee—Ald. Labatt, Hyman, Becher and Skinner.

No. 2—Ald. Birrell, Browne, O'Meara, Boyd.

No. 3—Ald, Hunt,Cowan, Stringer, and Moore.

Court of Revision—Ald. Birrell, Hyman, Becher, Labatt and Moore.

Board of Health—His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Browne, Hunt and Labatt, the Chief of Police, the Hospital Surgeon and the Health Inspector.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

First three clauses were adopted.

Ald. Becher moved the adoption of the fourth clause.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Hunt, that Ald. Birrell's name be struck from the Court of Revision and that Ald. Skinner's name be placed thereon. Carried.

On the last clause Ald. Hunt moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that Ald. Hunt's name be struck off the Board of Health, and Ald. Cowan's substituted. Carried.

Ald. Labatt moved, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that the name of Ald. Boyd be substituted for that of the mover. Carried.

A by-law was introduced and passed confirming the appointment of the Court of Revision.

A by-law confirming the selection of members of the Board of Health was read.

Ald. Boyd, moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Hunt, that the Board consist of members of the City Council only. Lost.

Yeas—Aldermen Labatt, Hunt, O'Meara, Browne, Stringer and Boyd—6.

Nays—Aldermen Birrell, Hyman, Cowan, Skinner, Moore, Becher—6.

His Worship voted nay, and the by-law was read a second time.

On the third reading of the by-law, Ald. Boyd moved, seconded by Ald. Hyman, that Ald. Birrell, Cowan, Browne and Boyd compose the Board of Health.

The amendment was lost, and the by-law was read a third time and passed.

### WEIGH SCALES.

Ald. Cowan moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the office of weigh scales clerk having become vacant by the death of Mr. Winnett, the matter be referred to No. 3 Committee with power to call for tenders, the highest or any tender not necessarily accepted unless otherwise satisfactory, and report at the next meeting of the Council.

Ruled out of order.

### CHAIRMEN CHOSEN.

The members of the different committees then retired to choose their chairmen, and soon afterwards returned. Nos. 1 and 2 reported that Ald. Hyman had been chosen chairman of the former and Ald. Browne of the latter.

No. 3 Committee was unable to agree on a chairman, Aldermen Hunt and Cowan having been proposed.

A vote was then taken, and Ald. Hunt was declared elected Chairman of No. 3 Committee.

### HOSPITAL.

Ald. Moore moved, seconded by Ald. Browne, that the present staff at the City Hospital be re-engaged.

The motion was carried, and the Council adjourned for one week.